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**COMICS**

**THE AMAZING**

# SPIDER-MAN<sup>®</sup>

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**YOU WON'T BELIEVE**  
**WHO KILLS SPIDER-MAN<sup>®</sup>**  
**THIS ISSUE!**



"TIME TO  
CONTINUE..."

BY...  
FLASH... YOU  
WANNA HURRY UP  
WITH DISARMING  
THIS BOMB, OR  
WHAT?

THE  
LITTLE HAND  
IS ON THE 11 AND  
THE BIG HAND  
IS ON THE  
BOOM!

I'M  
THINKING  
TIME HAS JUST  
ABOUT RUN OUT  
AND THE WHOLE  
RADIATION THING  
MAKES ME  
NERVOUS!

YEAH!  
YEAH! YEAH!  
I'VE ALMOST  
GOT IT,  
SPIDER-  
MAN!

IT'S JUST  
DOWN TO THE  
RED WIRE OR  
THE BLUE WIRE.  
I HATE THIS  
PART!

DO ME  
A FAVOR AND  
TAKE CARE OF THE  
FEW REMAINING  
OF THE RED SKULL'S  
AND KINGPIN'S GUNS, WHILE  
I DECIDE WHICH  
WIRE TO CUT,  
WILL YA?

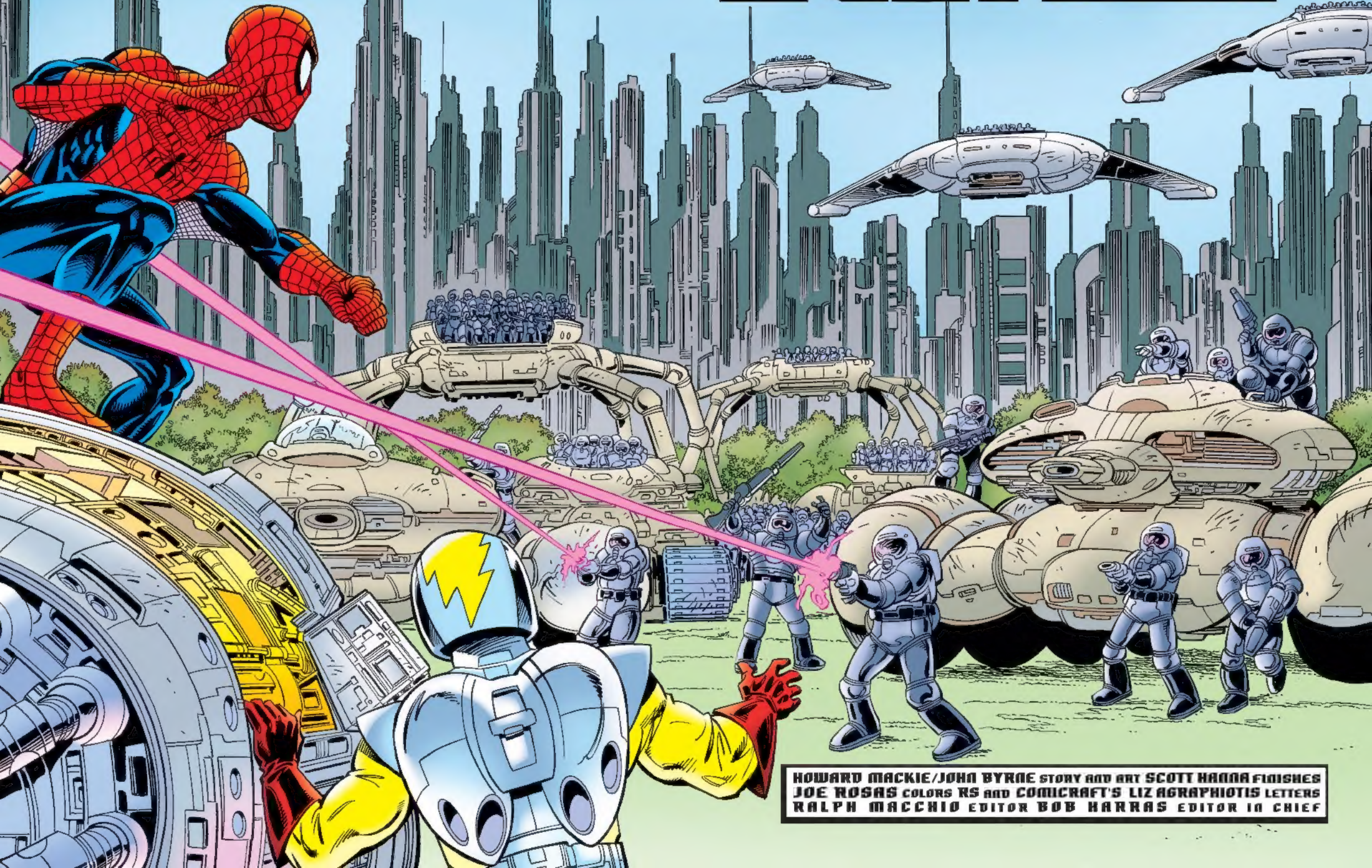
"FEW  
REMAINING?"  
ER...



STAN LEE PRESENTS  
**THE PERFECT WORLD PART 2**

THE  
**MAD BEHIND  
THE  
CURTAIN!**

...SURE!  
NO  
PROBLEM,  
BUDDY.



HOWARD MACKIE/JOHN BYRNE STORY AND ART SCOTT HANNA FINISHES  
JOE ROSAS COLORS RS AND COMICRAFT'S LIZ AGRAPHOTIS LETTERS  
RALPH MACCHIO EDITOR BOB HARRAS EDITOR IN CHIEF





YOU KNOW,  
AFTER WE SAVE THE  
WORLD... *AGAIN*... YOU AND  
I ARE GOING TO HAVE  
TO SIT DOWN AND TALK  
ABOUT THIS *EQUAL*  
PARTNERSHIP  
THING!

I'M  
THINKING I  
COULD CUT THE  
WIRES JUST AS  
EASILY AS YOU  
COULD!

I'M  
MAKING A  
MENTAL NOTE  
OF THAT RIGHT  
NOW.

NEXT TIME  
*SPIDER-MAN*  
DISARMS THE  
BOMB!

RED...  
BLUE?

RED...  
BLUE?  
RED...  
BLUE?

NOT THAT  
*THIS* PART  
ISN'T FUN AND  
ALL, BUT...

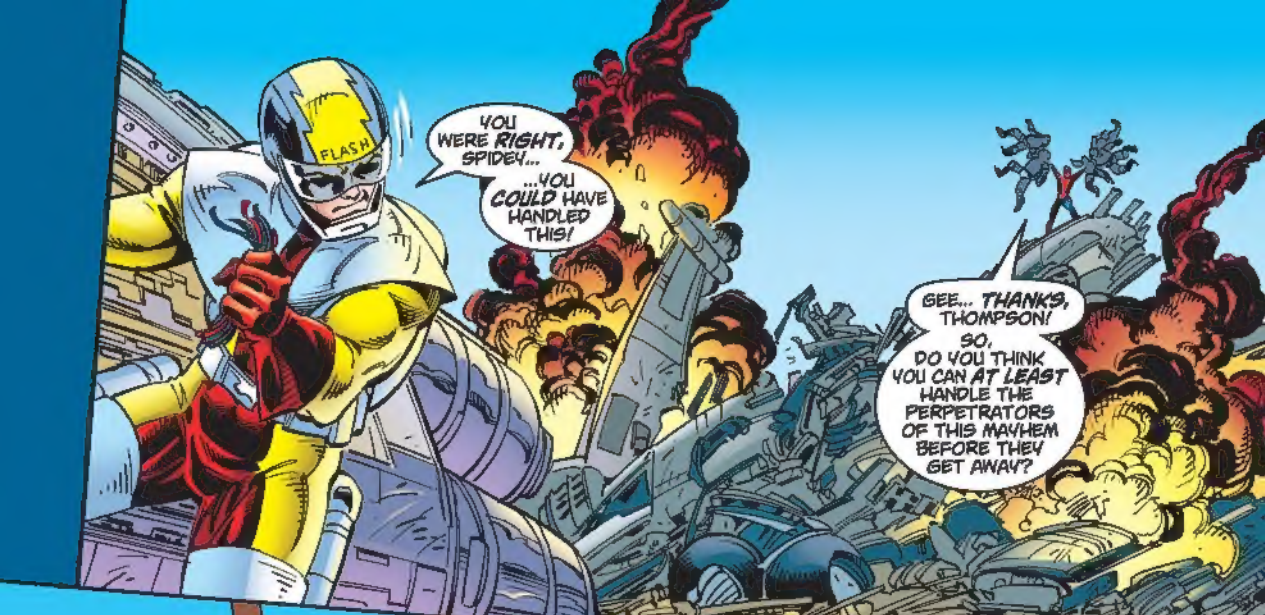
...SOMETIMES  
I'D LIKE TO BE  
TREATED AS  
SOMETHING MORE  
THAN A MASK  
AND WEB-  
FLUID!

SHRIP

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YOU WERE RIGHT, SPIDEY...  
...YOU COULD HAVE HANDLED THIS!

GEE... THANKS, THOMPSON!  
SO,  
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN AT LEAST HANDLE THE PERPETRATORS OF THIS MAYHEM BEFORE THEY GET AWAY?



ALREADY ON IT, BUDDY!



FISK!  
WHAT ARE YOU DOING WORKING WITH A NEO-FASCIST LIKE THE RED SKULL?

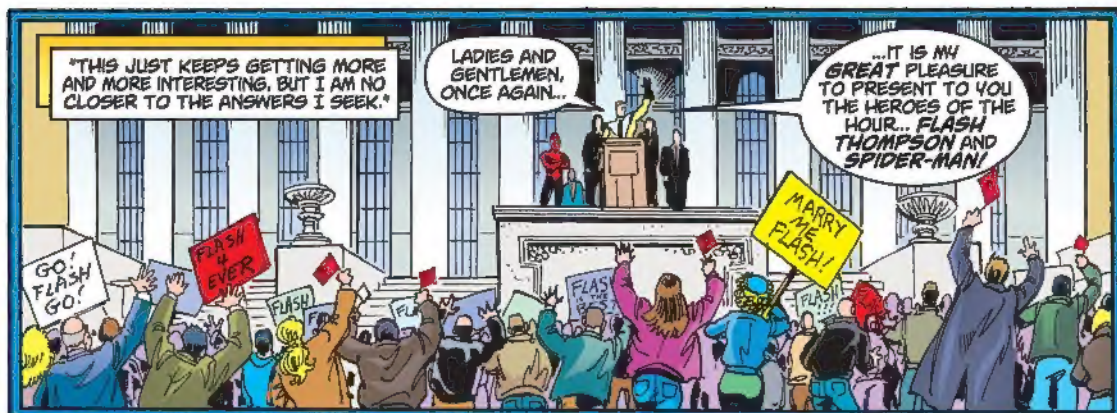
WHAT... IS HE GIVING YOU HAIR STYLING TIPS?

WELL, YOU TWO SHOULD HAVE PLENTY OF TIME...



...TO PLOT YOUR NEXT WORLD TAKEOVER WHILE YOU SHARE A JAIL CELL!



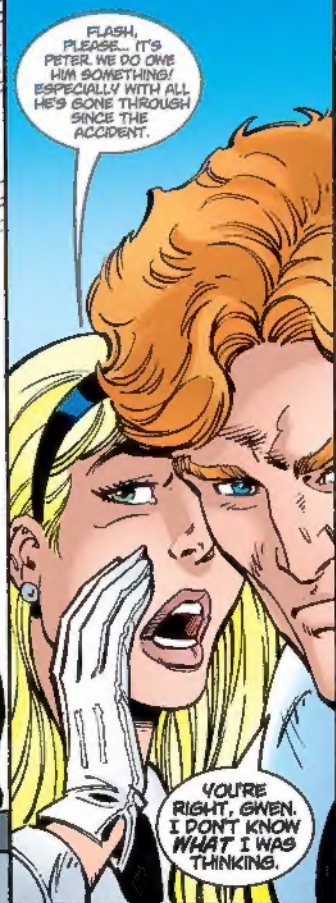






DON'T WORRY, MR. THOMPSON, WE'VE GOT IT UNDER CONTROL.

CALM DOWN, BUDDY. EVERYTHING IS GOING TO BE JUST FINE.



FLASH, PLEASE... IT'S PETER. HE DO ONE HIM SOMETHING! ESPECIALLY WITH ALL HE'S GONE THROUGH SINCE THE ACCIDENT.

YOU'RE RIGHT, GIVEN. I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WAS THINKING.



I'LL HANDLE THIS OFFICERS.

PETER, I WANT YOU TO TAKE A BREATH AND TELL ME WHAT YOU'VE DISCOVERED.

NICE AND SLOW, SO THAT EVEN A FORMER JOCK LIKE ME CAN UNDERSTAND, OKAY?



DON'T HUMOR ME, FLASH! I'M NOT SOME CRAZED IMBECILE!

JUST LOOK AT THESE PAPERS!

IT'S **WRONG!**  
**ALL WRONG!**

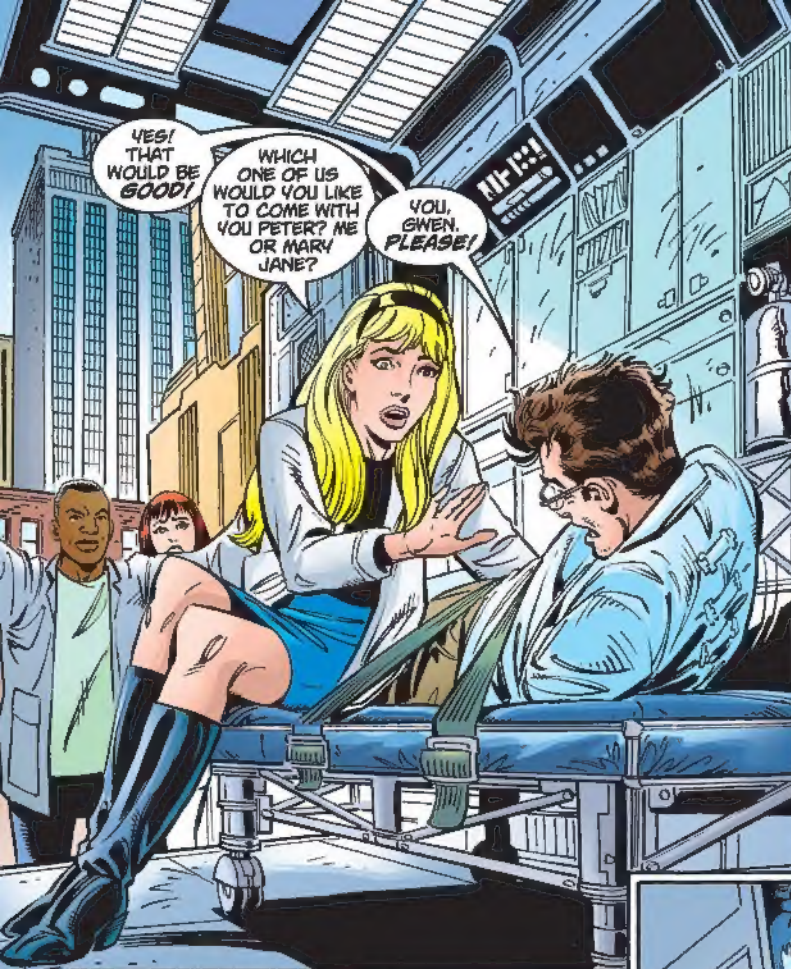


MARY JANE, MAYBE ONE OF US SHOULD GO WITH HIM. WE CAN CALL HIS AUNT AND UNCLE.

WOULD YOU LIKE THAT, PETER?

YOU TRIED, BUDDY.

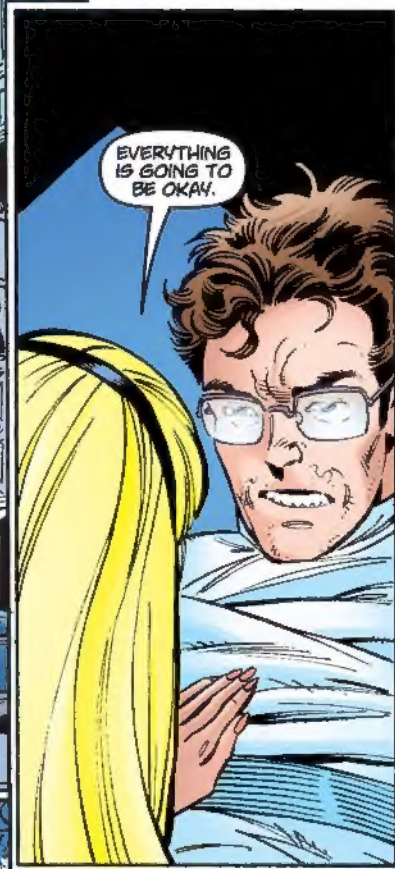




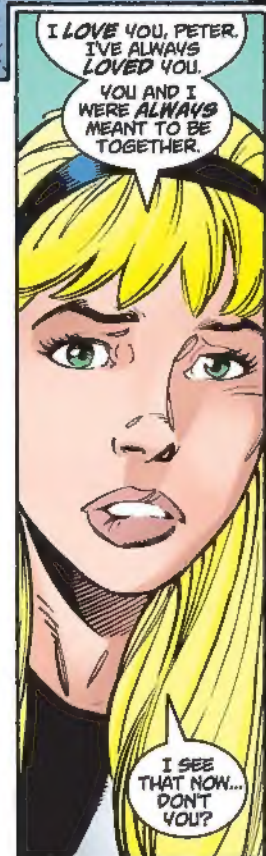
YES!  
THAT  
WOULD BE  
GOOD!

WHICH  
ONE OF US  
WOULD YOU LIKE  
TO COME WITH  
YOU PETER? ME  
OR MARY JANE?

YOU,  
GWEN.  
PLEASE!



EVERYTHING  
IS GOING TO  
BE OKAY.



I LOVE YOU, PETER.  
I'VE ALWAYS  
LOVED YOU.

YOU AND I  
WERE ALWAYS  
MEANT TO BE  
TOGETHER.

I SEE  
THAT NOW...  
DON'T YOU?



YES,  
GWEN...

...WILL...

...I  
MEAN...

**No!**

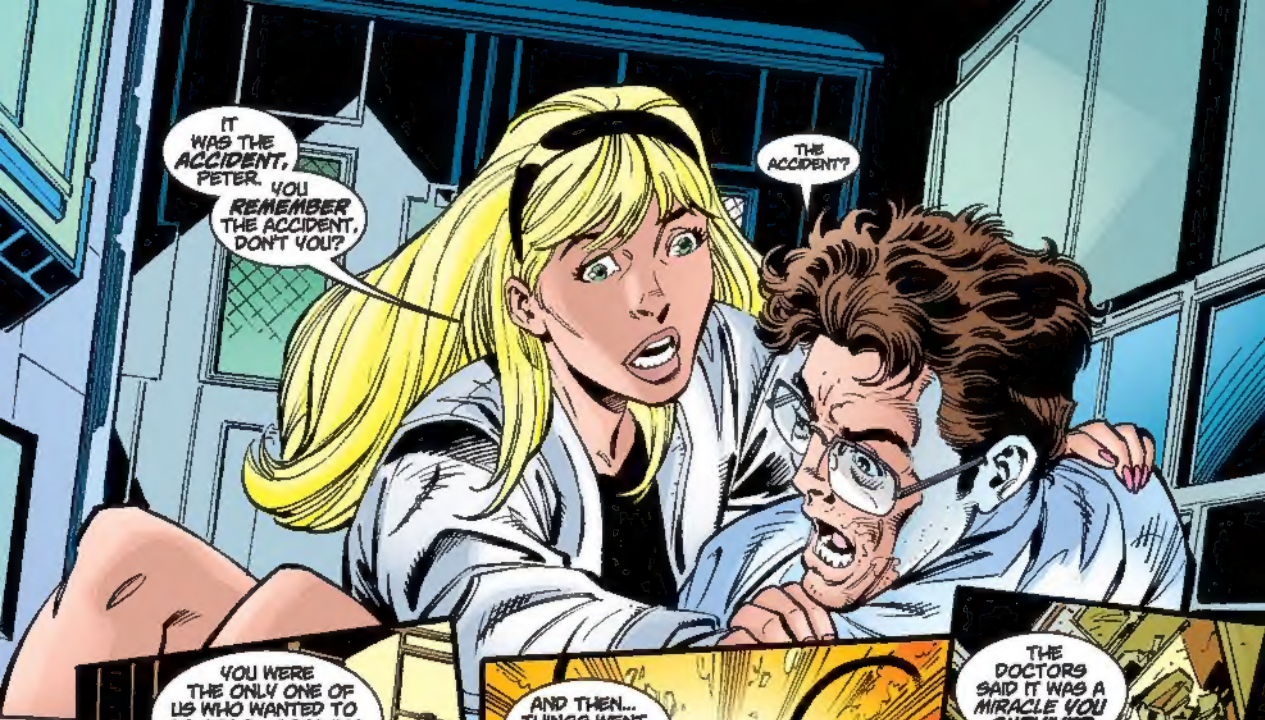
THIS  
ISN'T  
RIGHT!

IT'S ALL  
MIXED  
UP!

THIS  
ISN'T THE WAY  
IT'S SUPPOSED  
TO BE!

WHY  
WAS I IN A  
WHEELCHAIR?  
WHY CAN'T I  
WALK!





IT WAS THE ACCIDENT, PETER. YOU REMEMBER THE ACCIDENT, DON'T YOU?

THE ACCIDENT?



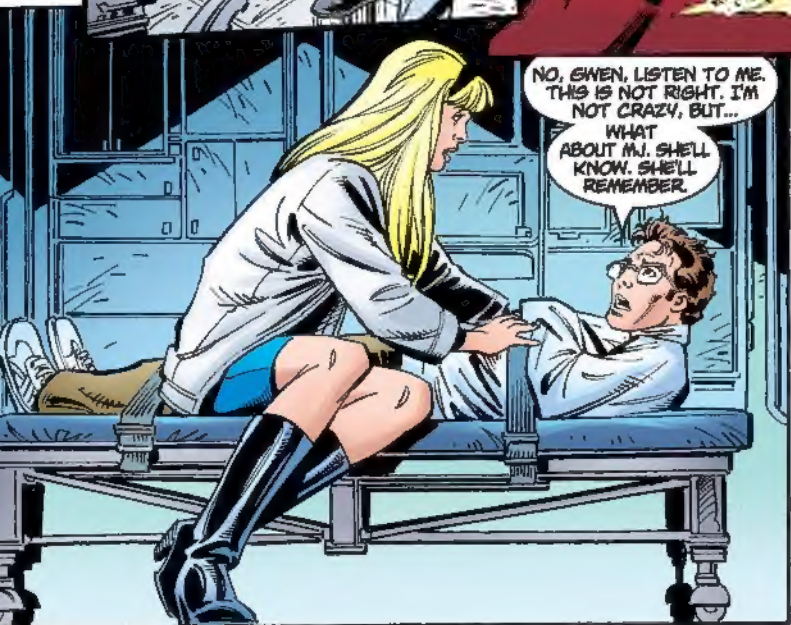
YOU WERE THE ONLY ONE OF US WHO WANTED TO GO SEE DR. OCTAVIUS AND HIS RADIATION EXPERIMENTS.



AND THEN... THINGS WENT SO HORRIBLY WRONG.



THE DOCTORS SAID IT WAS A MIRACLE YOU SURVIVED.



NO, GWEN, LISTEN TO ME. THIS IS NOT RIGHT. I'M NOT CRAZY, BUT...

WHAT ABOUT MJ. SHE'LL KNOW. SHE'LL REMEMBER.



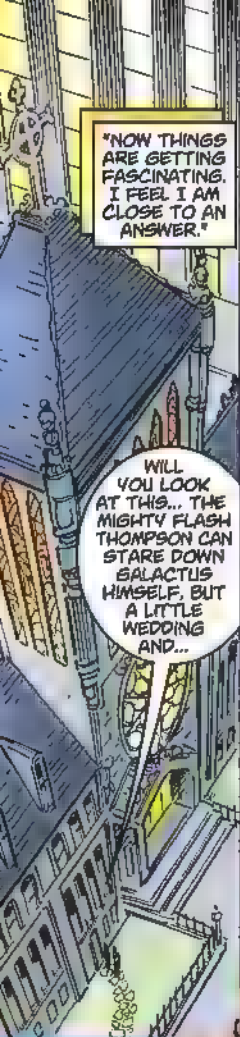
MJ AND FLASH ARE GETTING MARRIED TODAY, PETER.

WHAT?









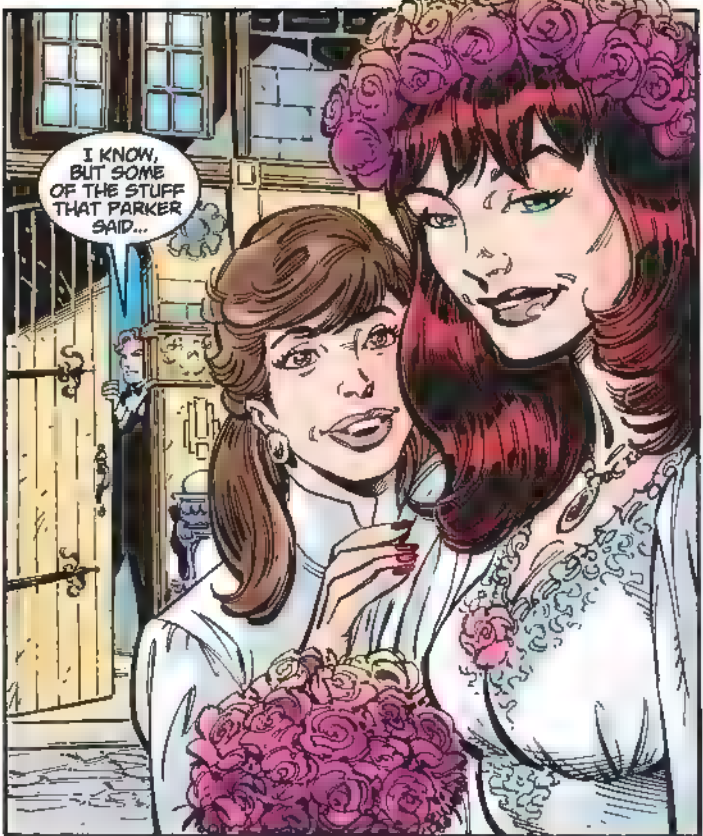
"NOW THINGS ARE GETTING FASCINATING. I FEEL I AM CLOSE TO AN ANSWER."

"WILL YOU LOOK AT THIS... THE MIGHTY FLASH THOMPSON CAN STARE DOWN SALACTUS HIMSELF, BUT A LITTLE WEDDING AND..."

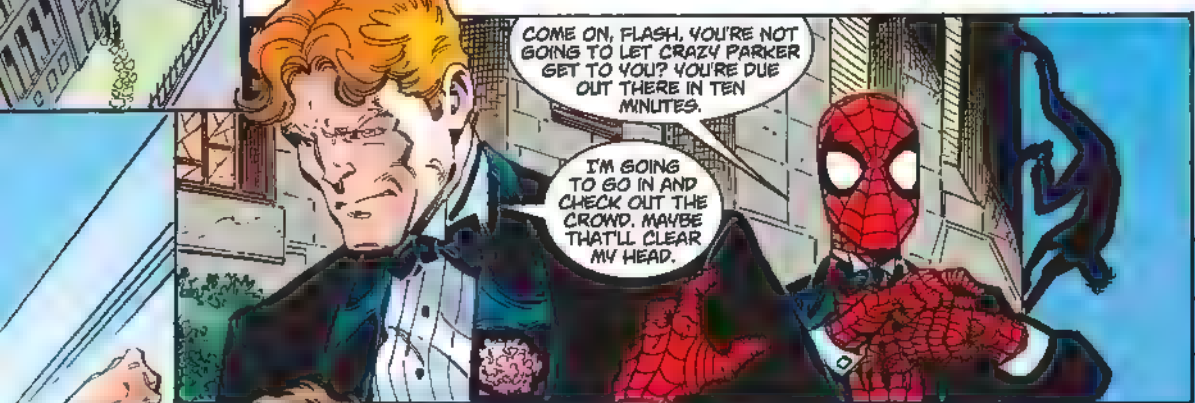


IT'S NOT THAT, SPIDEY!

I HOPE NOT. YOU ARE MARRYING THE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN IN THE WORLD!



I KNOW, BUT SOME OF THE STUFF THAT PARKER SAID...

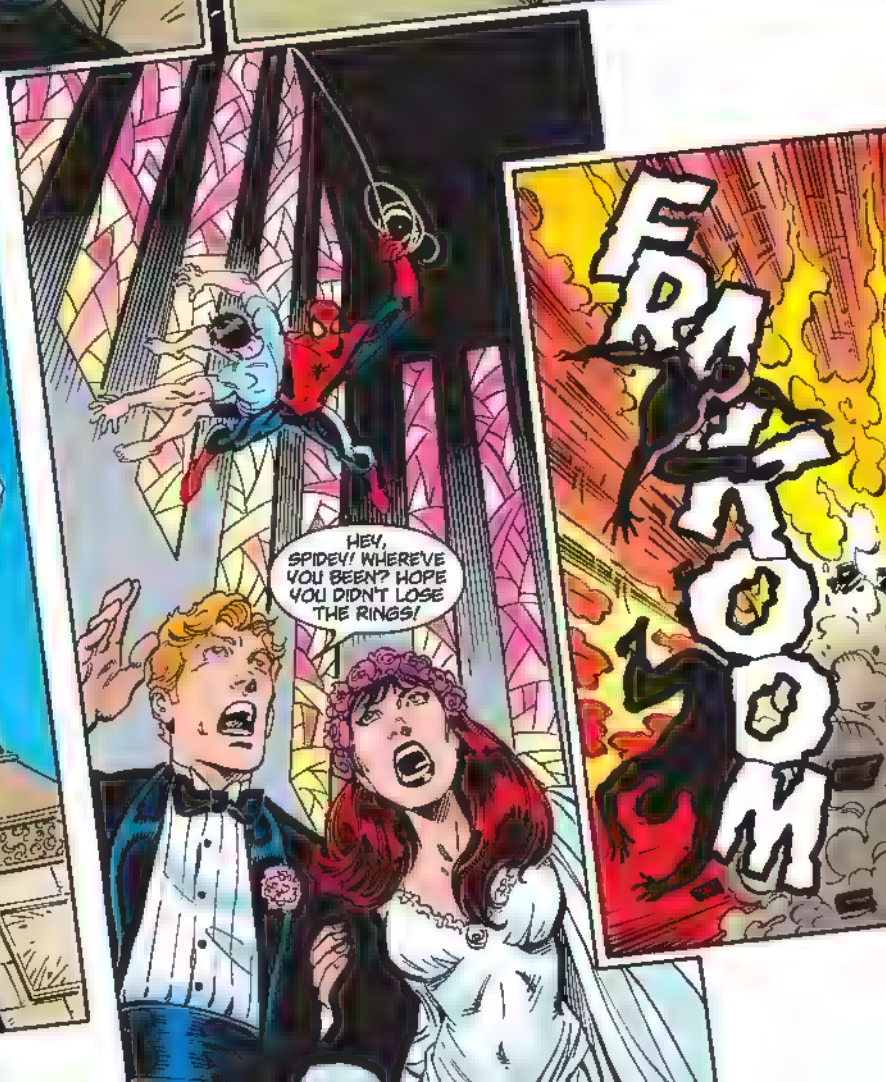
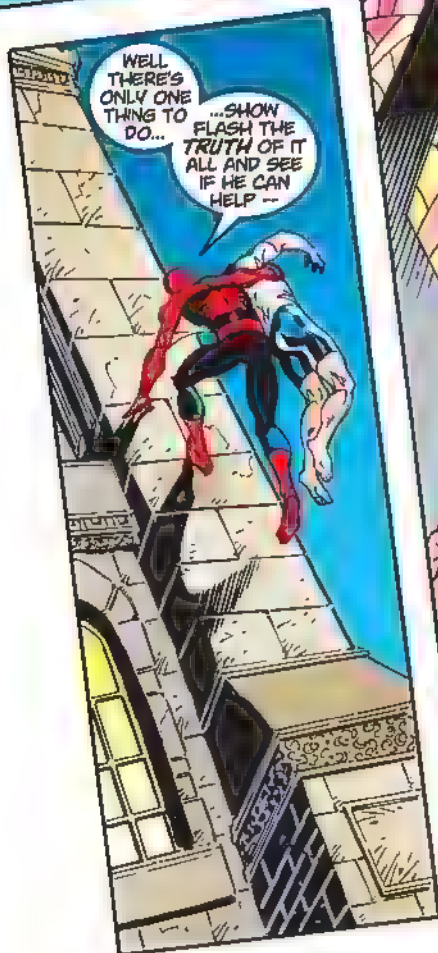


COME ON, FLASH. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LET CRAZY PARKER GET TO YOU? YOU'RE DUE OUT THERE IN TEN MINUTES.

I'M GOING TO GO IN AND CHECK OUT THE CROWD. MAYBE THAT'LL CLEAR MY HEAD.







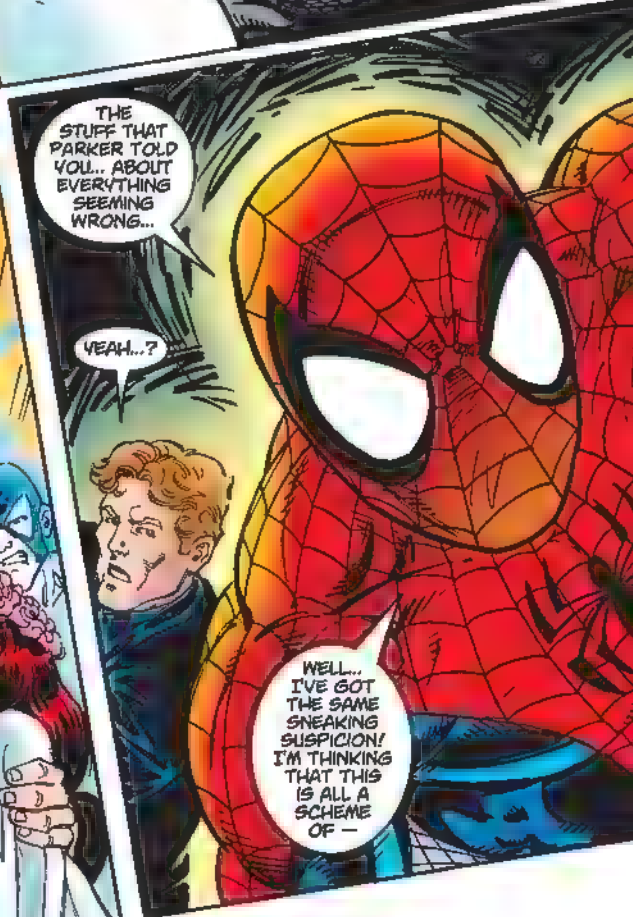




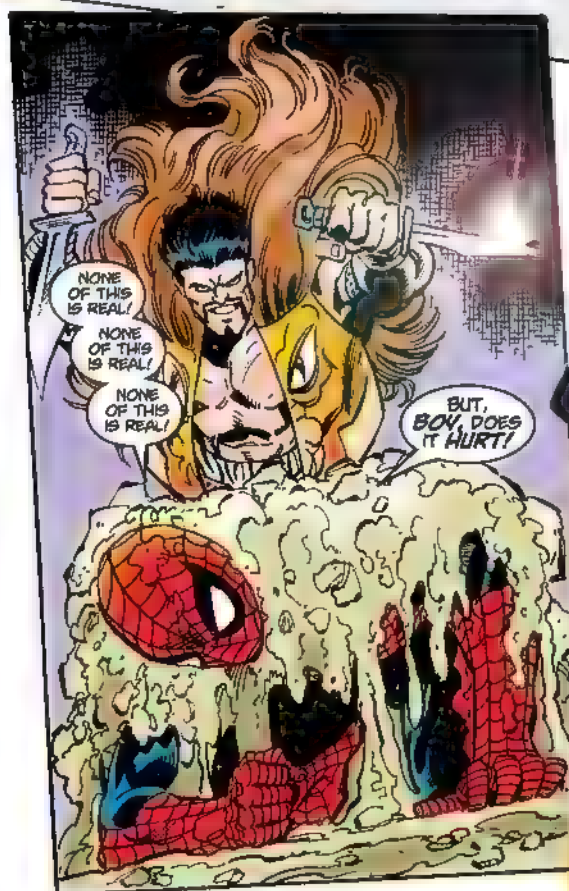
WHAT THE --?

ER, FLASH, THIS MIGHT SEEM LIKE AN AWKWARD TIME, BUT... YOU AND I REALLY HAVE GOT TO TALK!

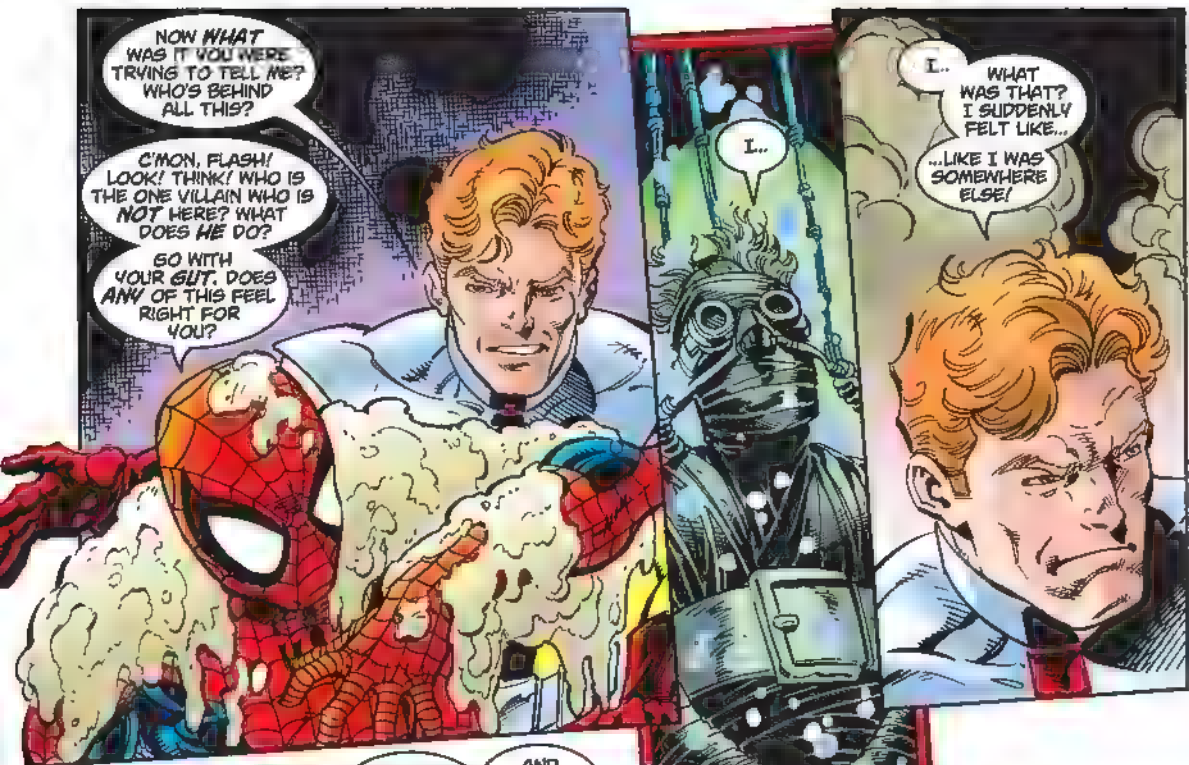












NOW WHAT WAS IT YOU WERE TRYING TO TELL ME? WHO'S BEHIND ALL THIS?

C'MON, FLASH! LOOK! THINK! WHO IS THE ONE VILLAIN WHO IS NOT HERE? WHAT DOES HE DO?

GO WITH YOUR GUT. DOES ANY OF THIS FEEL RIGHT FOR YOU?

I...

I... WHAT WAS THAT? I SUDDENLY FELT LIKE...  
...LIKE I WAS SOMEWHERE ELSE!

THAT'S IT, FLASH! HANG ON TO THAT FEELING!

AND NOW LOOK AROUND.

THEY'RE ALL HERE...  
VENOM, DOC OCK,  
THE GOBLINS, THE  
VULTURE... ALL  
BUT ONE.

BINGO!  
THE MAN BEHIND  
THE CURTAIN AND, UP  
UNTIL A FEW MINUTES  
AGO, BEHIND THE  
MASK I'M WEARING!

THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE!

YOU SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DO THIS! YOU, SPIDER-MAN, SHOULD NOT EVEN BE HERE!

**MYSTERIO!**



BUT WE ARE... AND I AM!

THE REAL QUESTION IS HOW ARE YOU DOING THIS?

YOUR POWERS HAVE NEVER BEEN THIS GREAT BEFORE! YOU'RE JUST A FORMER HOLLYWOOD STUNTMAN AND SFX NUTCASE!

THINGS CHANGE, WALL-CRAWLER!

AND I CREATED THIS ENTIRE SCENARIO SIMPLY TO REVEAL YOUR IDENTITY.

YOU, WHO'VE BEEN A THORN IN MY SIDE FOR SO LONG.

STILL, I HAVE THOMPSON'S BRAIN FIRMLY IN MY GRASP, BUT...

...HOW COULD YOU BE HERE? ARE YOU JUST ANOTHER FIGMENT OF HIS IMAGINATION.

OF LATE, I'VE MOVED BEYOND THE SPECIAL EFFECTS WIZARDY WHICH HAS SO OFTEN BEDEVILED YOU!

I HAVE STUDIED WITH THOSE WHO'VE TAUGHT ME TRUE MIND CONTROL.

MOST RECENTLY I HONED THESE SKILLS AGAINST THAT RED-GARBED BUFFOON DAREDEVIL, BEFORE BOWING OUT IN A MOST SPECTACULAR FASHION!

AND THEN I KIDNAPPED THOSE WHO HAVE THE MOST CONTACT WITH YOU, WEB-SLINGER, TAPPED INTO THEIR MINDS IN AN ATTEMPT TO LEARN YOUR SECRETS...

DISCOVER YOUR CIVILIAN IDENTITY THROUGH THIS MIND-PLAY.

BUT I HAD NO IDEA THOMPSON'S MIND WOULD OVERWHELM ALL THE OTHERS.

\* See Daredevil Issues 1-7 — Ralf Without Fear

YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO FIND OUT, FISH BOWL HEAD! THERE'RE MYSTERIES WITHIN MYSTERIES! BELIEVE IT, BUD!

FLASH! YOU HEARD HIM... IT'S UP TO YOU!

YOU'VE GOT TO FIGHT HIM! IT'S OUR ONLY ROAD BACK TO REALITY!

BUT THIS IS... WAS... THE PERFECT WORLD.

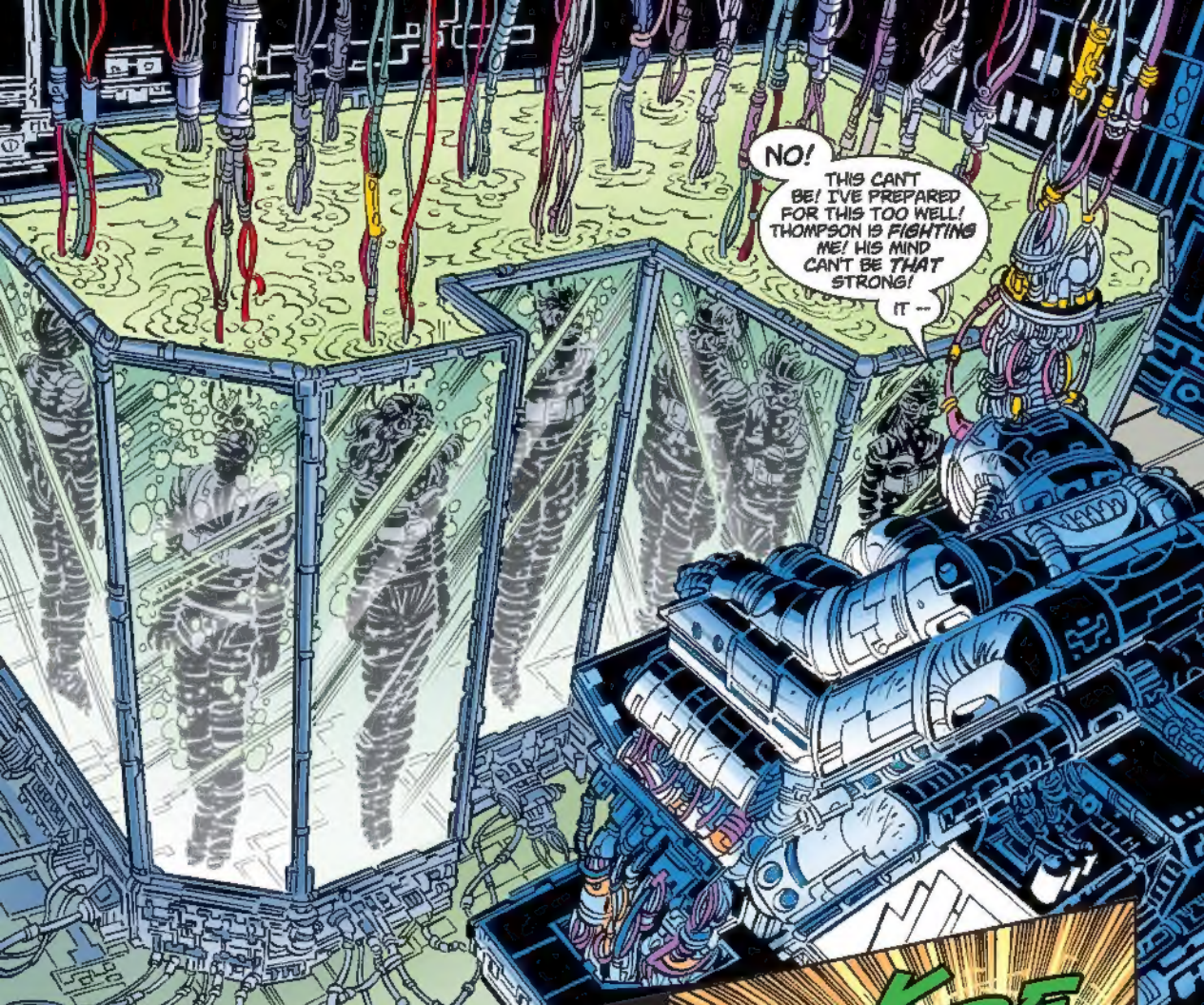
WHY DOES IT HAVE TO END? WHY CAN'T IT GO ON?

WHY?

WHY?





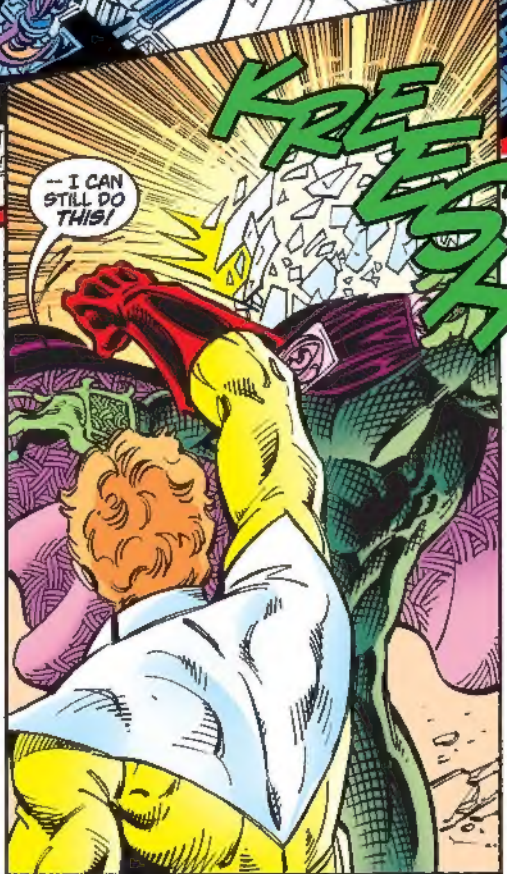


NO!  
THIS CAN'T BE! I'VE PREPARED FOR THIS TOO WELL! THOMPSON IS FIGHTING ME! HIS MIND CAN'T BE THAT STRONG!  
IT --



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THIS MAY PUT AN END TO MY PERFECT WORLD, MYSTERO...

...MAY MAKE ME FIGHT EVERY INSTINCT IN MY BODY, BUT...



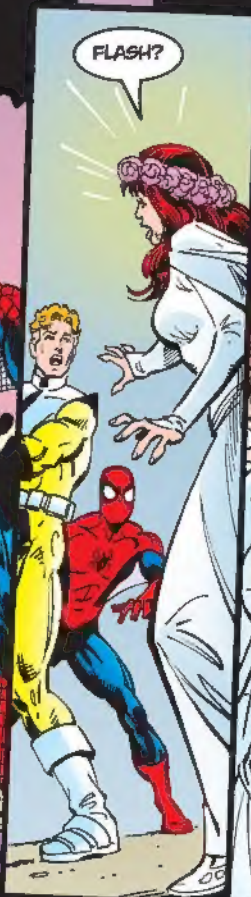
-- I CAN STILL DO THIS!

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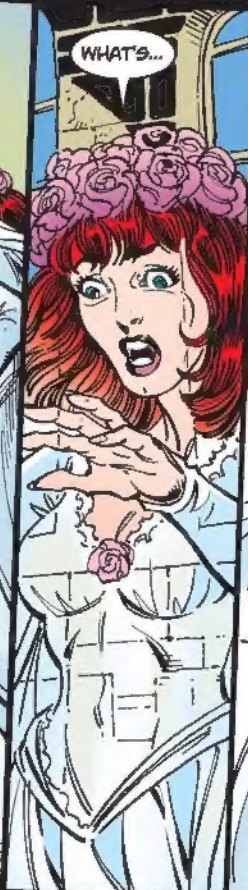




YOU  
DID IT,  
FLASH.  
IT'S  
OVER.



FLASH?



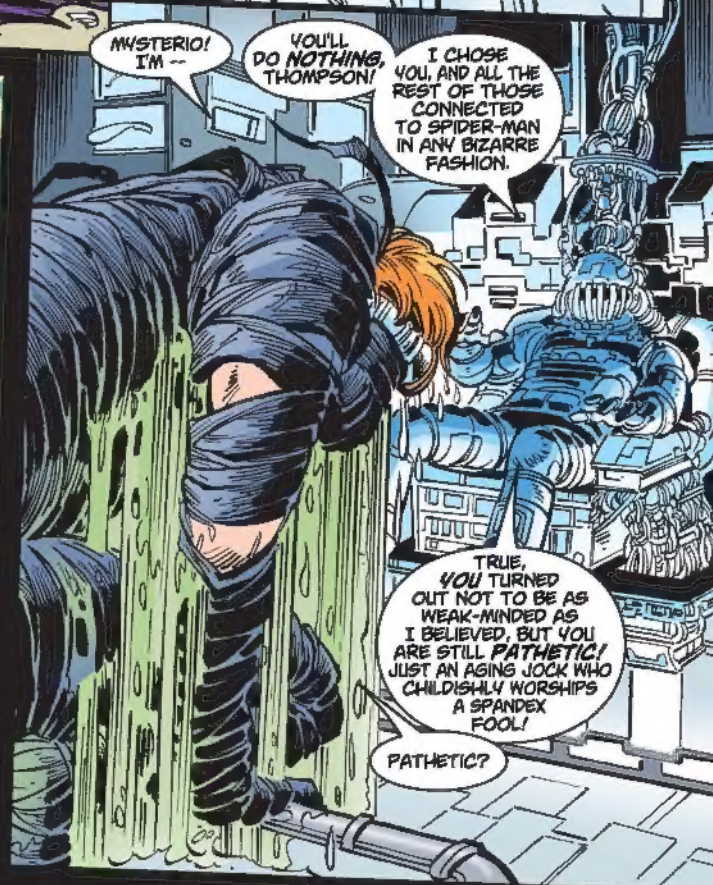
WHAT'S...



...HAPPENING?



**No!**



MYSTERIO!  
I'M --

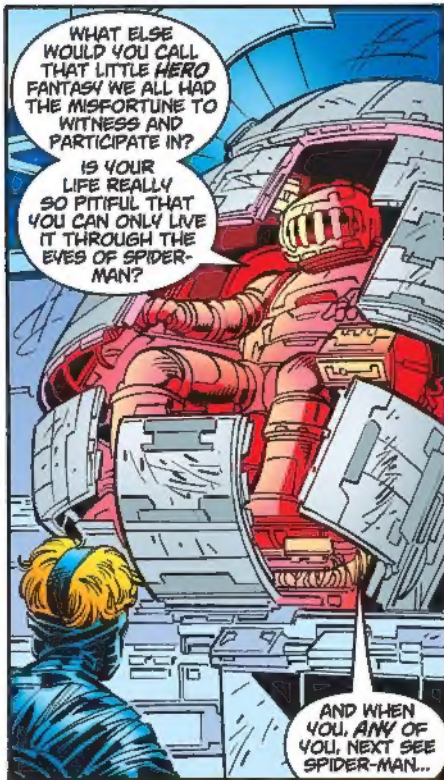
YOU'LL  
DO NOTHING,  
THOMPSON!

I CHOSE  
YOU, AND ALL THE  
REST OF THOSE  
CONNECTED  
TO SPIDER-MAN  
IN ANY BIZARRE  
FASHION.

TRUE,  
YOU TURNED  
OUT NOT TO BE AS  
WEAK-MINDED AS  
I BELIEVED, BUT YOU  
ARE STILL **PATHETIC!**  
JUST AN AGING JOCK WHO  
CHILDISHLY WORSHIPS  
A SPANDEX  
FOOL!

PATHETIC?





WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU CALL THAT LITTLE HERO FANTASY WE ALL HAD THE MISFORTUNE TO WITNESS AND PARTICIPATE IN?

IS YOUR LIFE REALLY SO PITIFUL THAT YOU CAN ONLY LIVE IT THROUGH THE EYES OF SPIDER-MAN?

AND WHEN YOU, ANY OF YOU, NEXT SEE SPIDER-MAN...



"...TELL HIM I WILL LEARN HIS SECRET, AND ON THAT DAY THERE'LL BE A RECKONING FOR ALL THE TIMES HE HAS DISGRACED ME.

MYSTERIO IS GETTING AWAY! I COULD GO AFTER HIM, BUT...



...THEN HE'D GET EXACTLY WHAT HE WANTED. MY SECRET.

PETER! HELP ME WITH AUNT MAY... PLEASE!

WHAT IS THIS DREADFUL PLACE?

GOOD QUESTION, MS. PARKER! AND HOW IN SAM HILL DID WE GET HERE? I CAN'T REMEMBER A BLASTED THING!

NONE OF US CAN, JONAH DEAR, NOW CALM DOWN.

JONAH, MARLA, ROBBIE, AUNT MAY, FLASH... AND ME!

HOW DID MYSTERIO DO IT? WHY CAN'T I REMEMBER THE MOMENT I WAS MADE HIS PRISONER? IS EVEN ALL THIS JUST SOME ILLUSION?





FLASH? ARE YOU OKAY? YOU TOOK THE BRUNT OF IT FROM MYSTERIO...CAN I HELP --

WHAT?!

YOU HELP ME?! IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK?

YOU THINK I NEED THE HELP OF A WIMP LIKE YOU?

NOT ON YOUR LIFE, PARKER! I DON'T NEED YOU! I DON'T NEED ANY OF YOU! AND --

-- I DON'T NEED SPIDER-MAN! I'M FLASH THOMPSON!

AND IT WAS ME WHO SAVED ALL OF YOUR BUTTS...DON'T YOU EVER FORGET THAT! AND THAT'S NO ILLUSION -- THAT'S HARD, COLD REALITY!

**THE END!**